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Bus Conversion Magazine Forum



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“ Did you know there is a resource for everything you ever wanted to know about buses and bus conversions but were afraid to ask? There is. It is called the *Bus Conversion Magazine Forum* aka “The BBS”. This is where you can ask ANY questions about ANY buses or conversions that you like.

Did you know that no matter where you are, you can always get help solving problems you may be having with your bus?

Say you are driving your bus across the U.S., and you start climbing a hill when suddenly, your bus starts losing power and you are barely able to maintain momentum. You find a safe place to pull off the road and you set the parking brake, open your engine doors, and look at your engine. You don't know what to look for, but you look anyway. You don't see anything that looks abnormal, so you wonder what could be wrong. What do you do?

You have internet connectivity so you go to your computer, tablet, or smartphone, log into our forum, and type in the Subject Line “Broke down in Flagstaff, AZ. Bus suddenly lost power climbing hill”. In the body of the note, you explain where you are and what the symptoms were before you pulled your bus over to the side of the road, and asked what could be causing this sudden loss

of power. Then you wait...

A few minutes later, replies start coming in as to what to look for and what the problem could be. As the ideas come in, you go back, and based on what people have suggested, you check to see if any of them could be the problem. Maybe someone suggested you check your turbo hoses and check to see if maybe one of them came off, and sure enough, you see that one of the large turbo hoses came off, which could cause a sudden loss of power.

You get your socket wrench out (you do carry some basic tools...right?) and loosen the hose clamp, you slide the turbo hose back on, tighten the clamp, and hopefully, you solved your problem. You get in your bus, fire it up, and put the pedal to the metal, and Walla, you have your power back, and you are back on the road.

Discussions take place daily on the BCM forum. People post questions, and replies start coming in. If you post that you are broken down, that usually gets an immediate response. Bus Nuts have been known to drop everything they are doing and drive out to help if they live nearby. For several years running now, our Bus Nuts

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